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" (b) The amount is not known at present.

" (c) It cannot be stated now when the work will be taken up for execution."

Panchayats for villages.

* 1955 *Q.*—Sri K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether steps were taken to constitute separate panchayats for the villages of Pudupattu and Rangappanur in Kallakurichi taluk, South Arcot district, in 1953;

(b) whether the action was dropped and both the villages are now in one Panchayat called Rangappanur Panchayat and the reason for dropping the proceedings;

(c) whether the above Panchayat communicated a resolution in 1954 requesting the Government for its bifurcation; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government on the request?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The proposal was dropped in view of the general policy followed at the time, against splitting up existing panchayats before they were reconstituted under the provisions of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950.

" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) The Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Southern Range, is taking necessary action in the matter."

Orderlies in the City Police.

* 1956 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri C. Kandasamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of orderlies in the Police Department in the City of Madras;

(b) who are the Police officials eligible to have orderlies; and

(c) the functions of these orderlies?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The main functions of the orderlies are to take urgent communications and instructions given to the subordinate officers, to accompany the officers on tour, to attend to telephone calls received in the absence of officers and to attend to other miscellaneous duties assigned by officers. The Court orderlies are intended to escort undertrial prisoners from the lock-up to the court and from the court to lock-up; to watch the prisoners in the dock; and to maintain law and order in the court and its verandahs."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 563–564 infra.